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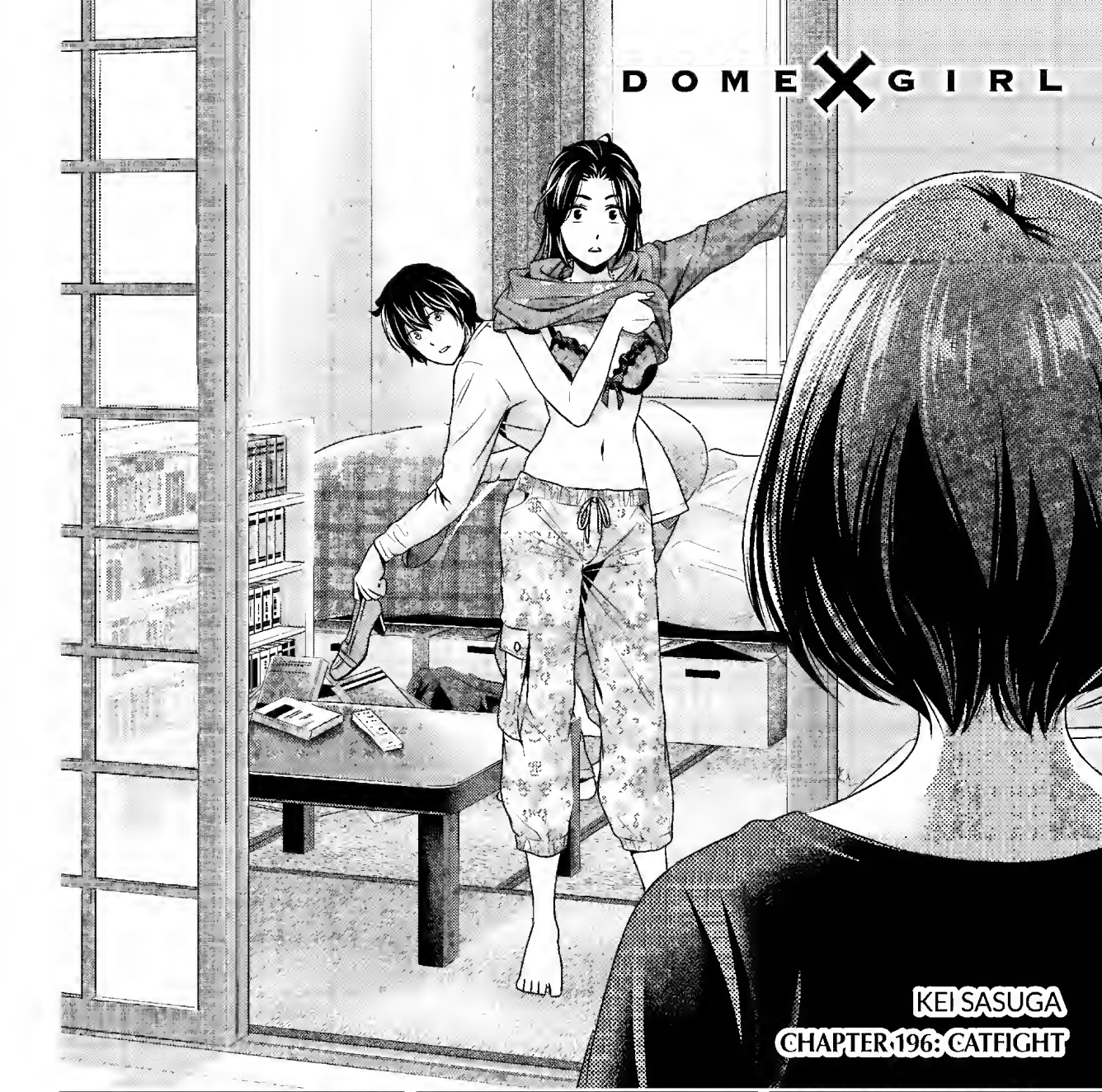
KODANSHA COMICS
Domestic Girlfriend
196
KEI SASUGA

I HEAR YOU'VE BEEN DOING SOME ACTING COACH-ING.
HUH.
THEN WHAT GIVES? I THOUGHT YOU HATED SERIZAWA.
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.
I DON'T FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT HER *EITHER* WAY.
I JUST THINK SHE'S KINDA FUNNY.
...IT ACTUALLY BACKFIRES ON HER.
LIKE HOW SHE'S SO PURE ...
HM?
FOR SERI-ZAWA.
YOU GUYS TALK A LOT DURING PRACTICE LATELY.
YOU'RE GIVING HER TIPS ON HOW TO UP HER SEX APPEAL, RIGHT?
WHAT, IS *THAT* WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING?


DOME X GIRL
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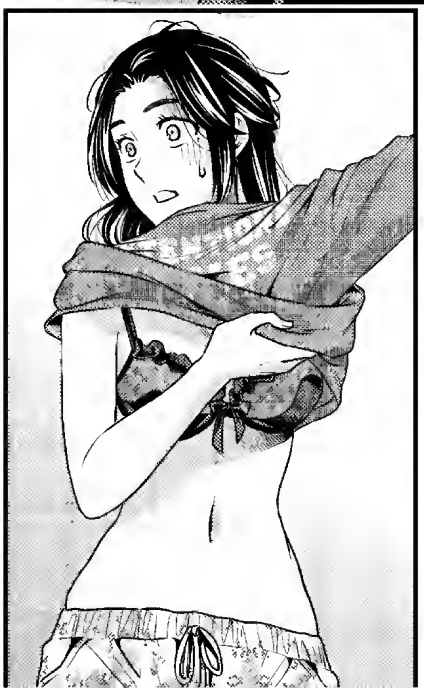
CHAPTER 196: CATFIGHT



RUB
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UH...
WEL-
COME
BACK
?
A
GHOST
...?
SWIF
...
UHH.
RUI...
AH...
AHH.
C-C-
COLD...
IT'S
SO
COLD.
WHERE
AM I...?

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE HIM...
SERI-ZAWA!
I GOTCHA. GOOD IDEA!
SKATE DAYS
RIDE A REF
I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING...
NOT SINCE THE NIGHT THAT BASTARD MURDERED ME AND MADE IT LOOK LIKE SUICIDE...
MURDERED?!
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
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I DON'T SEE ANY-THING.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, RUI?
DON'T SPOOK ME LIKE THAT.
...OR I'LL NEVER REST IN PEACE.
UH-HUH. YEAH, WELL, I'VE NEVER SEEN A GHOST BEFORE, SO I'M PRETTY FREAKED OUT TOO.
...BUT C'MON, YOU KNOW I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE.
I HAVE TO KILL HIM...
I MEAN, THIS BUILDING'S OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE A FEW GHOSTS HANGING AROUND...
THAT RAT.
I'LL CURSE HIM TO DEATH...

...DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D BUY THAT?
GRAB
OHH YEAH~
THIS WORLD'S SNOWDRIFT OF INJUSTICE~
UM...
OKAY.
NATSUO-KUN.
ALL RIGHT.
LET'S HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOUR-SELVES.
YOU PROBABLY WON'T BELIEVE WHATEVER I SAY, BUT, UHH...

HMMMMM.
...I'M COMPLETELY, TOTALLY, 100% INNOCENT THIS TIME.
OHH, REEEALLY? YOU HONESTLY THOUGHT YOU COULD PLAY THIS OFF WITH THAT GODAWFUL ACTING? Y'KNOW, YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE A PLAYWRIGHT, OR THE DRAMA CLUB WOULD DROP YOUR ASS LIKE A SACK OF BRICKS.
GRL
I THOUGHT MAYBE WE COULD JUST KINDA... SWEEP IT UNDER THE RUG.
HRRL
GRL
THEN WHAT WAS WITH THAT HAMMY BIT JUST NOW?
OH, ARE YOU?

BUT!
HL
PLAP
YOU'RE THE BEST! I KNEW YOU'D UNDER-
NO MATTER WHAT YOUR EXCUSE IS, THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THAT THERE WAS A HALF-NAKED GIRL IN YOUR ROOM.

RUI...

I KNOW YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG ON PURPOSE, NATSUO!
WE HAVEN'T BEEN DATING THIS LONG FOR NOTHING.
I'M SURE THERE'S A GOOD EXPLANA-TION FOR ALL THIS.

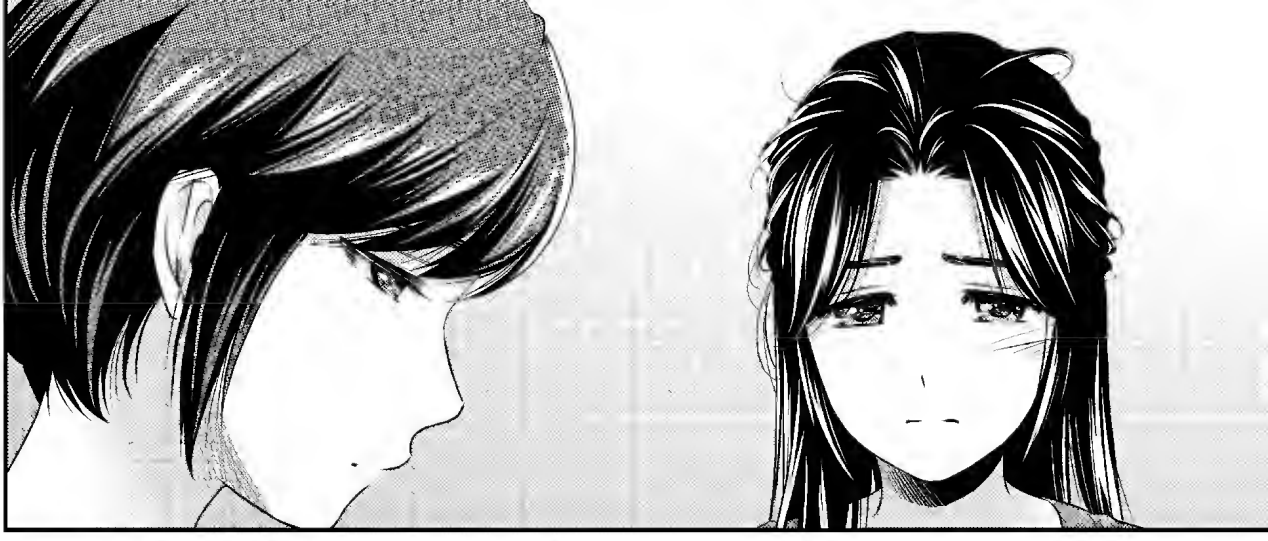
DID YOU FORGET WHAT WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT?
EVEN IF YOU DON'T PLAN ON DOING ANYTHING SCUMMY WHILE I'M GONE,
WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW YOU MIGHT FALL FOR A TRAP LIKE THIS HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER...
...IT MAKES ME FEEL REALLY,
REALLY ANXIOUS!
SULK
DO YOU MIND LEAVING THE ROOM FOR A FEW, NATSUO?
HUH?
RIDE A FREE

I'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH HER ALONE.
SKATE DAY

I, UM...
FUJII-KUN AND I ARE JUST CLUBMATES. THAT'S ALL...
REALLY?
NO, I...
SO, YOU ARE IN LOVE WITH NATSUO.
YOU WERE EVEN CRAFTY ENOUGH TO BRING HIM SOME HOME COOKING.
...
AAAAAH!
WHO PUTS ON SEE-THROUGH LINGERIE TO VISIT "JUST A CLUBMATE," HMM?
ARE YOU REALLY GOING OVER-SEAS?
UM...
...
WERE YOU TRYING TO STEAL HIM FROM ME?

...
SORRY... I OVER-HEARD YOU TWO.
I'M SURE IT CAME AS GREAT NEWS TO YOU.
THAT'S NOT...!
NO, YOU'RE RIGHT.
I SHOULD BE THRILLED ABOUT IT.
BUT WHEN I TRY TO PUT MYSELF IN YOUR SHOES, IT'S...REALLY PAINFUL TO THINK ABOUT.
I MEAN, YOU'RE BASICALLY CHOOSING BETWEEN CHASING YOUR DREAMS AND BEING WITH HIM.
I'M SURE ...
...YOU WERE PRETTY CONFLICTED.
...
YOU'RE KIND OF AN ODD-BALL.
I CAN'T DENY THAT.
OF COURSE I WAS TORN.
I STILL AM...

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY RIVAL I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT.
JOKES ASIDE,
AND THANKS TO A *CERTAIN SOMEONE*, MY LIST OF CONCERNS JUST GOT EVEN LONGER.
S-S-S-SORRY.
I'M STARTING TO WONDER IF WE'LL BE OKAY THROUGH ALL THIS,
SINCE WE CAN'T LEAN ON EACH OTHER FOR SUPPORT.
AND I'M GONNA BE SWAMPED WITH WORK.
PLUS, IT LOOKS LIKE NATSUO'S GONNA BE BUSY WITH HIS WRITING SOON.
NO DOUBT... SHE MUST MEAN A LOT TO YOU TOO.
WELL, YEAH.
SHE'S MY ONLY SISTER.
I'M REALLY GREATFUL THAT HE PROTECTED HINA-NEE,
BUT THAT KINDA THING DOESN'T EXACTLY DO MY MIND ANY FAVORS, Y'KNOW?
THEN THERE'S ALWAYS A CHANCE HE COULD JUMP IN FRONT OF A KNIFE AGAIN OR SOMETHING...



HUH?

HANG ON A SEC.
IS YOUR SISTER THE LADY WHO WAS WITH YOU AT THE FRESHMEN PLAY?
HM?
YEAH, WHY?
FUJII-KUN GOT STABBED PROTECTING *HER*, RIGHT?
!
BUT ON THE NEWS, THEY SAID...
WHATEVER! WE'RE DONE HERE, SO I THINK IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO!

SLAM
バタン!!
PAP
ペっ
HUH?
HEY...
UM...
Y-YOU OKAY, SERI-ZAWA?
SORRY TO DRAG YOU INTO THIS.
OH.
YEAH, I'M FINE.
IT WAS KINDA MY FAULT TO BEGIN WITH.
I'M SORRY TOO.
WELL, SEE YOU.
UM...
THANKS FOR THE FOOD!
ER...
WHAT'S GOING ON?

RUI...
CHACK
HUH?
SHE SEEMED KINDA OUT OF IT, I GUESS.
...
I'M SORRY. UM...
I MIGHT'VE SLIPPED UP.
HOW DID SERIZAWA-SAN LOOK ON HER WAY OUT?
OH, C'MON. SERIZAWA JUST BROUGHT ME SOME FOOD. SHE WASN'T TRYING TO—
NO BUTS!
ALSO...
YOU BETTER NOT GIVE IN TO SERIZAWA-SAN'S TEMPTA-TIONS, GOT IT?
LISTEN, BUSTER.
WELL... IT'S PROB-ABLY OKAY.
WE'RE NOT BREAKING THE LAW OR ANY-THING.
WHAT'S UP?

...AS PUNISHMENT FOR MAKING ME WORRIED,
YOU HAVE TO DO WHATEVER I SAY UNTIL I GO TO NEW YORK, OKAY?
FOR STARTERS, I WANT AT LEAST TEN KISSES FROM YOU TODAY.
YOU DUMMY! IT'D BE MY PLEASURE!
SMOOCH
!
HEY...! YOU ONLY GET TO DO IT WHEN I SAY SO!
NUH-UH! I CAN'T WAIT!
I'M SUP-POSED TO BE IN CHARGE, NOT YOU!

!!?
FUJII!
'SUP.
YOU GOING TO CLUB TODAY?
OH... I'M BUSY, ACTUALLY.
WORK?
NAH.
JUST SOME WRITING BUSINESS.
AHH. FOR YOUR BOOK?
YEAH.
NOW THAT I'M OUT OF THE HOSPITAL, I'VE REALLY GOTTA GET PLUGGING AWAY AT IT.
GOTCHA. YOU LOST A TON OF TIME OVER THAT, AFTER ALL. WELL, GOOD LUCK, MAN.
THANKS.

HELLO?
TSU-TAYA-SAN?
THANKS FOR CALLING.
YEAH, I'M ON MY WAY OVER NOW.
YES.
NO, I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN.
I'M NOT A KID, Y'KNOW.
THANKS AGAIN FOR SETTING THIS UP FOR ME.
I'LL BE SURE TO BURN EVERYTHING INTO MY MEMORY.

LONG TIME NO SEE,
TANABE-SAN.